



Merrick County Board Minutes



February 25, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 9:12 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, and Wiegert present. Weller was absent. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Jefferson, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:12 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:12 a.m.

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Agenda: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Jefferson, second Kucera to approve the minutes of February 11, 2014 as printed. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Helgoth said they hired Thomas Smith as the new Emergency Manager and he will take over April 1, 2014 and that date was tentative. Jefferson attended the 4-H and Extension open house and the Keystone Pipeline meeting at the Loup River Inn; Kucera attended the Extension meeting Monday, February 24, 2014.

Official's report: Extension Educator, Tammy Stuhr said that they had 118 people in attendance at the open house. Stuhr also gave the Board a copy of the 4-H Building Project Proposal and went over it with the Board. Extension Educator Jeannette Friesen's last day was Monday, February 24, 2014.

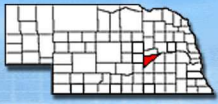
Marvin Planning Consultants Contract: Planning & Zoning, Jennifer Myers presented a Contract for Services from Marvin Planning Consultants for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning/Subdivision Regulations update. The total cost of the contract is \$44,500.00 to be paid over the next 17 months. Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve the Chairman signing the Contract for Services from Marvin Planning Consultants for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning/Subdivision Regulations update. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Bader Park: Weller had requested that the discussion on Bader Park and their budget be tabled until the next meeting when he could be present.

4-H Building: Extension Educator, Tammy Stuhr gave the Board a copy of the 4-H Building Project Proposal and went over it with the Board. The current building is too expensive to maintain, repair, and heat/cool. The building has on going problems. It needs an asbestos testing to be completed by the Extension Board. The Ag Society is to grant land area for a new building to be constructed and the removal of the old building and the Ag Society is to assume ownership of the new building. The construction is to be funded by grants, donations, fund raisers, tax base, loans, and in kind. Stuhr had attended a Central City Council meeting where there was discussion on the City of Central City building a new building on land owned by the Historical Society which would be used for many of the same type of functions as the 4-H Building. They told Stuhr that the Extension could use that building also. The Extension Board told Stuhr to move forward with the 4-H Building Project needs. Asbestos testing was being done today at the old 4-H Building for \$750.00. Stuhr will apply for a Community Block Grant but she needs the County Board to tell her to go ahead because the County is the only one that can apply for the grant. The Board told her to go ahead and apply for the grant.

One & Six Year Road Plan Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Graves to open the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Highway Superintendent Meyer told the Board that he had made the change on the One & Six year that the Board had requested; move project number C61(224) from the one year plan to the six year plan. Moved Jefferson, second Graves to approve RESOLUTION 2014-3 approving the One and Six Year Road Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2014-3 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing. Moved Kucera, second Graves to go out of the hearing at 10:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Probation Agreement: Janelle Seim with Probation and Candace Dick, York County Attorney said the Probation Agreement is a memorandum of understanding and can be reviewed every year and can be terminated at any time. This was established because the state hired more probation officers and it was decided that they would have York as the hub. York did not have the space to house all of the officers and so they had to find space outside of the courthouse and York cannot afford all of the expenses themselves and so they are asking for help from the other counties that Probation District 5 serves. Polk County has already paid their portion but they have not signed the agreement. Hamilton has not signed or paid any amount. Merrick County Attorney Homolka said some of her concern was that this was a post budget request. The budget had been set and approved and now they want more and she is not sure where that money would come from. Homolka said that the counties by law have to provide space for probation and she feels that Merrick County already does that. In order to give them more room another office was built for the Child Support Officer that was located in the front



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part of the probation office. Seim said she was writing a grant to help with rent and expenses. There are four probation officers that are based in York and the others are there two days a week and on the road three days a week. The building where they are now is a three year lease. York is politely asking for help. Moved Graves, second Kucera to table this matter until the next meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Weed Superintendent: Two people had applied for the Weed Superintendent position and after reading the resumes the Board wanted more information. Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to table the Weed Superintendent position until the next board meeting and asked the clerk to call each applicant to line up interviews at the next meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, Hahn, and Wiegert. Nays: Jefferson.

Job reviews: The Board does job reviews on Building and Grounds, Dennis O'Nele, Veteran Service Officer, Gary Berry, Planning & Zoning, Jennifer Myers and Highway Superintendent, Mike Meyer. Moved Kucera, second Graves to postpone the Building and Grounds, Dennis O'Nele until he has been released from the Doctor's care for one month. Roll Call: All Ayes. Veteran Service: Moved Graves, second Hahn to go into executive session at 11:46 a.m. for the evaluation of the job performance of Gary Berry, Veteran Service Officer and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and Berry declined to have the review done in open session. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Hahn to go out of executive session at 12:24 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Highway Superintendent Meyer: Moved Kucera, second Graves to go into executive session at 12:26 p.m. for the evaluation of the job performance of Mike Meyer, Highway Superintendent and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and Meyer declined to have the review done in open session. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to go out of executive session at 12:40 p.m. Roll Call All Ayes Planning & Zoning Myers: Moved Kucera, second Graves to go into executive session at 12:42 p.m. for the evaluation of the job performance of Jennifer Myers, Planning & Zoning Administrator and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and Myers declined to have the review done in open session. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to go out of executive session at 12:52 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

February 2014, payroll: The February 2014 payroll was presented for the Board's approval: General: Gross: \$101,164.63 Net: \$72,951.57; Roads: Gross: \$45,360.11 Net: \$29,871.39; Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$2,043.18. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the February 2014 payroll.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Jefferson, Wiegert, Graves; Kucera to only the ones she signed and Helgoth only the ones he signed.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:56 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk